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SUBJ: IMCO PANEL OF EXPERTS ON MARITIME SATELLITES - US
DELEGATION'S FIRST REPORT

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1. AS OF JANUARY 8, 19 COUNTRIES AND 9 ORGANIZATIONS
(3 IGO AND 6 NGO) REPRESENTED IN POE; TOTAL ATTENDEES
ARE 119.

2. DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR MARSAT SYSTEM COMPLETED. THE THREE US
PROPOSALS (IN REGARD 1) CONSORTIUM, (2) INTELSAT, AND
(3) IMCO) RECEIVED THOROUGH DISCUSSIONS; ALL THREE
REJECTED. PRIMARY REASON FOR REJECTION OF CONSORTIUM
APPROACH WAS LACK OF GOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT; INTELSAT
AND IMCO FAILED PRIMARILY DUE OVERRIDING INTERESTS IN A
NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION. THERE IS, HOWEVER,
SOME INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF INTELSAT SERVING AS
CONTRACT TO NEW INMARSAT, PARTICULARLY FOR PROVISION OF
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SPACE SEGMENT IN INTERIM BASIS. IN "SHOWDOWN" VOTE

ON WHETHER THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE
BY INTELSAT OR NEW INMARSAT, INTELSAT RECEIVED ZERO
VOTES, INMARSAT 10 VOTES, WITH EIGHT ABSTENTIONS FROM
VOTES (INCLUDING US ABSTENTION) BOTH WAYS.

3. AFTER DEBATE AND BY VOTE OF EIGHT FOR (US) AND FIVE
AGAINST, POE AGREED CONSIDER MULTI-PURPOSE SATELLITE IN
ADDITION TO DEDICATED IN WORKING GROUPS. TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL PARAMETERS
AMENDED ACCORDINGLY. TOR FOR ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT
THEN CONSTRUED BY CONSENSUS TO INCLUDE ANALYSIS BOTH
DEDICATED AND MULTI-PURPOSE SATELLITES.

4. TECHNICAL PARAMETERS WORKING GROUP HAS UPDATED AND
REFINED THE TECHNICAL PARAMETERS OF A FIRST PHASE
DEDICATED SATELLITE SYSTEM INCLUDING INTERFACING WITH

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THE TERRESTRIAL SYSTEM. MULTI-PURPOSE US DEDICATED SYSTEM PARAMETERS ARE RECEIVING EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION. TELESPAZIO MEMBER OF ITALIAN DELEGATION PRIVATELY INFORMED US DELEGATION THAT ITALY WOULD NO LONGER SUPPORT CONSIDERATION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE SATELLITE BECAUSE ITALY NOW A PARTICIPANT IN THE EUROPEAN MAROTS PROGRAM. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE DURING 1ST MEETING DAY AND SUBSEQUENT TO ITALIAN VOTE SUPPORTING CONSIDERATION MULTI-PURPOSE SATELLITES IN WORKING GROUP.

5. WORKING GROUP ON DRAFT INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS DECIDED TO FIRST CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL ARTICLES AS PROPOSED BY THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY. DECISIONS AT THIS POINT INCLUDE (1) AGREEMENT TO LEAVE DECISION ON METHOD FOR DETERMINING INITIAL INVESTMENT SHARE TO THE 1975 CONFERENCE, (2) AGREED TO SET MINIMUM INVESTMENT SHARE AT .05 PERCENT (SAME AS INTELSAT), AND (3) NO FINANCIAL PENALTY FOR LATE JOINERS.
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6. ECONOMIC ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP CONTINUES UNDER US CHAIRMANSHIP. OSLO WORKING PARTY'S REPORT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY IMCO AND ONLY ONE COPY AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT SECRETARIAT; HOWEVER, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE OWN COPIES (US GAVE SET OF BG4 AND BG6 DOCUMENTS TO USSR DELEGATIONS). NORWAY HAS SUBMITTED A DRAFT 40-PAGE STUDY WHICH SHOWS INTELSAT MULTI-PURPOSE SYSTEM AS MOST EXPENSIVE OPTION, AND INTELSAT DEDICATED SYSTEM AS SUBSTANTIALLY CHEAPER THAN MULTI-PURPOSE AND marginally cheaper than IMCO DEDICATED SYSTEM. USSR DOCUMENT ASSERTS INTELSAT MULTI-PURPOSE OPTION WOULD BE AS MUCH AS THREE TIMES MORE EXPENSIVE THAN A DEDICATED SYSTEM. US DELEGATION BELIEVES ULTIMATE DECISIONS REQUIRE SOUND ECONOMIC DATA; THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, WE ARE GETTING INFORMAL REACTIONS TO POSSIBILITY OF RECONVENING ECONOMICS WORKING PARTY IN WASHINGTON TO REVIEW NORWEGIAN STUDY AND INTELSAT DATA AND DO ADDITIONAL COMPUTER ANALYSES.

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